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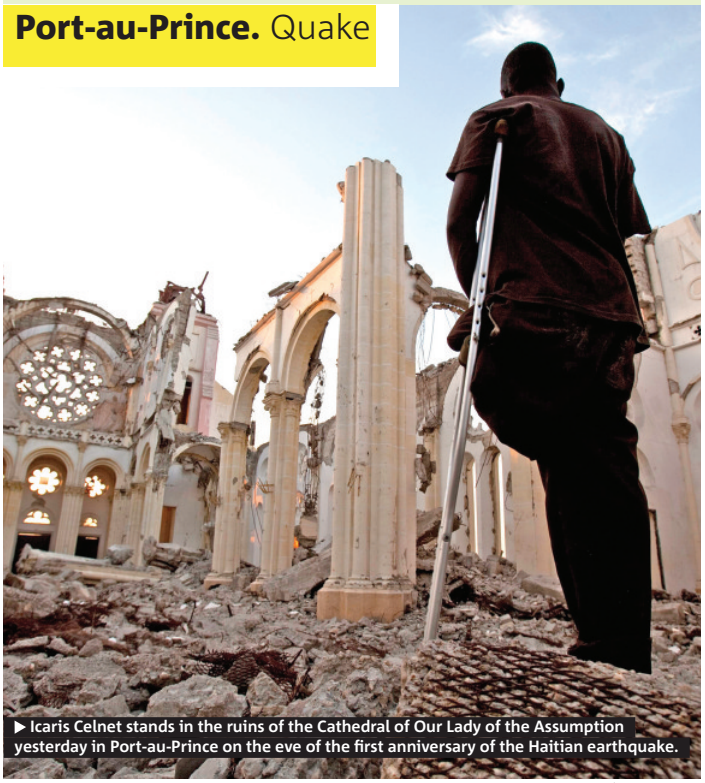

▶ Icaris Celnet stands in the ruins of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption yesterday in Port-au-Prince on the eve of the first anniversary of the Haitian earthquake.

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Haiti marks grim anniversary

The earthquake killed more than 200,000 people and displaced some 1.5 million. Celnet lost his leg during the quake. Story, page 6.

Owen Wilson a dad-to-be

Girlfriend set to give birth in sunny Hawaii {page 13}

Stilwell has her say

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Give crime proceeds to cities: Falcon

Candidate's 12-point public-safety plan concentrates on high-crime neighbourhoods, petty crime, fighting gangs
He also pledges better support for victims and more power, funding for local government and police forces

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Local governments, which fund the majority of policing in their communities, should receive half of all assets seized under proceeds-of-crime legislation, Liberal candidate Kevin Falcon proposed yesterday.

The idea is part of Falcon's 12-point plan on public safety.

"Criminals need to prove their assets are legal," he said. "If they can't, the police should seize them and the funds go toward helping honest taxpayers pay for policing in their communities."

Vancouver Chief Const. Jim Chu said civil forfeiture is an important tool for "removing assets from bad guys and creating a deterrent for others."

Falcon highlighted the importance of adequate local-police funding and of having governments at all levels working together.

"I want to make sure squads have financial support to tackle gangs," said Falcon. "The more this is a partnership between provincial, federal and national government, the better."

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▶ Kevin Falcon speaks at a press conference yesterday in Gastown.

New Democrats, however, blasted Falcon's plan and said in a statement, "The B.C. Liberals' approach has been a continued failure to back up rhetoric with the resources necessary."

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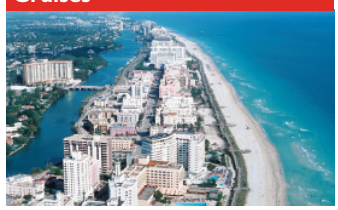

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Leadership race puts UFC in flux

When the Ultimate Fighting Championship rolls back into Vancouver, chances are there won't be any provincial regulation of mixed martial arts.

After all, how do you regulate a controversial sport when no one is running the province?

That's the trouble facing Tom Wright, president of UFC Canada, who was in Vancouver Monday to negotiate a rumoured June 11 return to Rogers Arena.

"They have other priorities at the top of their list," Wright said, referring to the leadership race within the ruling Liberal party. "Once it stabilizes and we know who will replace (Gordon) Campbell, we will have those discussions. But not now."

While not confirmed by the promoter, reports suggest UFC 131 will happen June 11 and feature heavyweight contender Shane Carwin on the card. MATT KIELTYKA

Man in critical condition

A 31-year-old man remains in critical condition in hospital after he was found beaten and bloody in Kitsilano on Monday.

Police believe the incident was targeted and possibly gang- and drug-related.

People with information about suspicious activity near West 5th Avenue and Blanca Street around 9:30 a.m. Monday are asked to contact police.

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▶ VPD Insp. Brad Desmarais shows photos of a home where seizures took place.

Criminals hand over millions

Civil forfeiture laws net $5 million **There were 74 forfeitures in 2010**

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B.C. raked in $5 million last year by taking away property used in unlawful activities.

The province's civil forfeiture office capped off its most successful year with the seizure of a West Side house worth $1.2 million.

"The VPD has embarked on an aggressive campaign to deprive criminals of their property," said Insp. Brad Desmarais, head of the VPD gang and drug section.

The house was the site of a 959-plant grow-op discovered during a hydro-diversion investigation.

Police are calling the five-bedroom house in the 1400 block of West 53rd Avenue their most valuable forfeit to date.

Police are raiding houses on a bi-weekly basis, Desmarais said,

Including car and cash seizures, the civil forfeiture office made 74 forfeitures in 2010.

B.C. adopted the law in 2006 and thus became the second province to install the property-claiming program.

Chief Jim Chu said that even though police are making the forfeitures, they aren't getting any special treatment from the province in terms of funding grants.

"If we apply for a grant," Desmarais said, "we line up with the transition houses, we line up with everyone else. There's no preferential treatment."

One-time hero Fonyo sentenced

Steve Fonyo has been given an 18-month conditional sentence after pleading guilty to several charges in a Surrey court.

Fonyo admitted to uttering threats against his wife, defrauding a store by making a fraudulent return and using an unauthorized credit card three times to buy gas.

Fonyo married Lisa Greenwood last August at a Victoria beach named in his honour after he completed a cross-Canada run in 1985 to raise money for cancer research.

The man who lost a leg to cancer raised $14 million in the effort to complete the cross-country run started by Terry Fox in 1980.

Fonyo earned the Order of Canada for his run, but it was rescinded last year because of his multiple criminal convictions that included assault and drunk driving.

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News in brief

Leadership debate tonight

LIBERALS. For the first time, all six of the candidates to replace Premier Gordon Campbell will engage in some verbal jousting. Build 2030 will host a debate between the Liberal leadership hopefuls tonight in Vancouver. Speeches are scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

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Flipper to predict pick

BALTIMORE, MD. A day before Vancouver Whitecaps FC staff get a crack at the first pick in tomorrow's 2011 MLS SuperDraft, a dolphin will try to predict who the first-year MLS team will choose.

Six of the top MLS prospects will be at Baltimore's National Aquarium today to see who the dolphin will pick to go No. 1 in this year's draft.

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Retired RCMP sgt. charged

COURT. A 32-year veteran RCMP investigator has been hit with a perjury charge, Vancouver police announced yesterday. Retired Sgt. Ross Spenard is alleged to have lied in court while testifying as an expert witness in bloodstain-pattern analysis in 2009.

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Man sentenced to half a year

COURT. A 29-year-old man originally accused of trying to snatch a four-month-old baby girl from her parents while high on drugs in Prince George has been sentenced to 180 days in jail for assault. David Michael Lucas was also given three years probation, while the Crown dropped other charges, including kidnapping.

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THE RACE FOR PREMIER

MOIRA STILWELL

A self-described "long-shot" with little political experience, Dr. Moira Stilwell was the first announced candidate for the Liberal premiership.

A radiologist by profession who was born and educated in Alberta, Stilwell moved to B.C. in 1993 and held a long and distinguished career as a breast-cancer specialist. She was elected to the provincial legislature in 2009 and served as minister of advanced education in the third Campbell administration.

On media coverage of her campaign:
I would like to get my 20 per cent, but on the whole I understand how the political process works. I think as I release my platform over the next month, it will start to draw media attention as people look at what I'm saying and say, "She is bringing a fresh voice, she is bringing new ideas and we want to hear more about those."

On the role of government:
I look for a government that is able to secure and build the economy, demonstrates an understanding of what families need to thrive and cares about good governance.

On the role of doctors in politics:
When a friend of mine, Virginia Greene, ran for the Liberals, I had many health-care physicians and leaders in my living room to speak to her. And she said, "Oh, I guess you guys get together all the time and talk about these problems with people from government?" And we said, "No, we don't."

On immigration:
B.C. is a province of immigrants, and what's clear is that for the next 10 years of economic prosperity and beyond, we're going to have a real shortage of people, and immigration will be a very important part of securing the economic future of B.C.

On reforming parliament:
I am not coming out with a list of reforms that I think are essential. I would say that as an 800-year-old tradition it has stood the test of a lot of time, and it has changed in those 800 years. So it's not a fossil, and it will evolve, and it's always a healthy discussion.

On being a woman in politics:
I'm not running for public office because I am a woman. We are all shaped by our lives. I'm shaped by having grown up as a young woman in Alberta, going to school through a profession that went, during my time, from being mostly men to mostly women. The demands of being a working parent have no gender.

On whether she is ready to be premier:
I think that I have proven leadership experience throughout my different lives and identities, and that brings me to a place where I am happy to throw my hat in. I'm positive about my candidacy and I think that when people hear my ideas, they will agree.

J.J. MCCULLOUGH/FOR METRO

▶ Moira Stilwell

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The rest of the interview is available on our website. Visit metronews.ca to read the rest of what Moira Stilwell had to say.

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By **Victor Dodig**
Executive Vice-President
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To build a retirement plan, you need to have a clear idea of your goals. Then, an advisor can help you assess where you now stand financially, calculate how much money you will need to support your chosen retirement lifestyle and determine what sources that income will come from, which could include: a pension, Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP), Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA), or non-registered investments. An advisor can also discuss other important considerations such as inflation and healthcare costs.

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Haiti still struggling one year after quake

Government and international community criticized for inaction

The man's body lay face down, his white shirt shining like wax in the sun as he was unearthed in the ruins of a Port-au-Prince restaurant a year after the earthquake.

The bodies still being found in the rubble are a sign of how far Haiti has to go to recover from a disaster that left the capital in ruins and is estimated to have killed more than 230,000 people.

As the dust was still settling from the Jan. 12, 2010, disaster, volunteers and hundreds of aid groups flocked in with food, water and first aid that saved countless lives. But the effort to rebuild has been dwarfed by the size of the tragedy and, perhaps most fatally, the lack of Haitian and international leadership and co-ordination of more than 10,000 non-governmental organizations.

President Rene Preval did not speak publicly for days after the quake. He has been seen by most Haitians as ineffective at best, and many observers have criticized him for not spearheading reconstruction or making the hard policy decisions needed to rebuild.

Advocacy groups also blame much of the Haitian government's weakness on an international community that is not keeping its pledge of support.

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▶ Fradzelle Wiener places a wreath on a cross during a service in memory of the people buried in the mass grave near Port-au-Prince.

World Cup venue erupts in violence

A northeastern Brazilian city that will host 2014 World Cup football matches has recorded 30 murders in three days as drug gangs battle.

Police in the city of Salvador said the outbreak of violence began this weekend after the arrest of a drug-gang leader.

A police spokesman said by yesterday, 30 people had died in the violence.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity, saying most of the violence is because one gang is trying to take over the turf of another.

Also among the dead are at least five suspected drug users.

The official said police think they were killed as they could not pay off debts owed to the gangs.

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N.L. men sue province over moose

Two men who were seriously injured in collisions with moose in Newfoundland have launched a class-action lawsuit against the province.

Ben Bellows and Hugh George filed the suit against the government, claiming that it hasn't managed the animals' population adequately enough.

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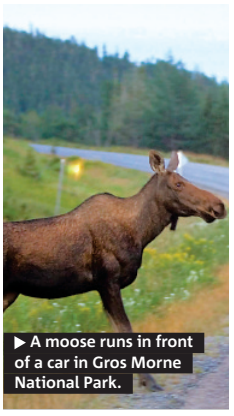

▶ A moose runs in front of a car in Gros Morne National Park.

Mountie's widow travels to Haiti

One year after a Mountie from New Brunswick was killed in Haiti's devastating earthquake, family members and friends say his legacy of caring and giving lives on.

Plans for the Mark Gallagher Memorial Vocational School in Riviere Froide are currently being put into place

Gallagher, a well-known spokesman for the RCMP in the Maritimes, was in Port-au-Prince as part of the United Nations training force when the earthquake struck the island country on Jan. 12, 2010.

Gallagher's wife Lisa has travelled to Haiti to be part of ceremonies today to remember the thousands of people who were killed in last January's earthquake.

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Housing starts cool down

Canada's housing market appears to be heading for a soft landing in 2011, with the pace of home construction slowing last month — easing concern that a glut of new properties will come on the market and undercut real-estate prices.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. reported yesterday that home starts fell to an annualized 171,500 last month, well down from November's annualized rate of 198,200 units.

Most of the decline was attributed to fewer multiple-family dwelling units — condos and apartment buildings — although single-family housing starts also fell.

Recent data suggest that starts are on a downward track toward the 170,000 number that many believe is the sustainable level of new homes in Canada, down from an estimated 192,500 units in 2010.

During the last three months of 2010, housing starts averaged on an annualized pace of 181,600, with December the weakest month.

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Market moment

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Oil	Natural gas 1,000 cu ft
+ $1.86 US ($91.11 US)	$4.481 (+ 8.2¢)

Gold contracts $1,384.30 (+ $10.20)

Detroit. Autos

▶ Models pose with the new Chrysler 300 at the North American International Auto Show.

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Industry revs up for auto show

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SAY WHAT YOU'RE THINKING: EWWW

Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN

I'm sorry. The only way I can look at 84-year-old Hugh Hefner's recent engagement to 24-year-old Crystal Harris is as a dad.

If I was Crystal's dad and she came home with an 84-year-old beau, I'd have the old geezer arrested for child abuse. Or at least blond abuse.

What is she thinking? The Playboy of the Western World is way past his best before date. Never mind what he's thinking. In fact, I don't want to know what he's thinking.

She's probably thinking: "This won't take long."

Even if it lasts a week and he expires with a smile on his face, is there any dad alive who wants his pride and joy to marry the world's oldest boy?

But the one who is really upset is Holly Madison, the former Hooters girl and Hef's ex-No. 1. He broke up with her because he didn't want to get married. As if?! Now he's marrying this Crystal. Stay tuned for Holly's tell-all, coming up on her reality show, Holly's World, Jan. 29.

I'm not making this up.

Hefner has been exploiting women for more than 60 years, and I guess it's hard to teach an old dog new tricks. Obviously, he is determined to die with his boots on. Or, you could argue, it's a clever strategy. Back in the day, Hef kept a harem of seven or eight Playboy bunnies at the mansion. Now he's pledging to be faithful to Crystal alone, which is probably a great relief when you're 84, even with Viagra.

"But silicon-stuffed airheads are people, too, and deserve to be protected from the depredations of rabbit zombies."

Of course, the perpetual party is mainly a myth. Hefner stays home and watches movies or plays cards with his aged cronies. He likes old movies. Crystal's favourite movie is The Little Mermaid. She was three when it was released, and it has stayed with her ever since.

I guess you could see the Playboy Mansion as a sheltered workshop for silicon stuffed airheads who couldn't keep your order straight at McDonald's. Who else would think it's a good idea to marry an octogenarian who listens to Bix Beiderbecke on his Victrola?

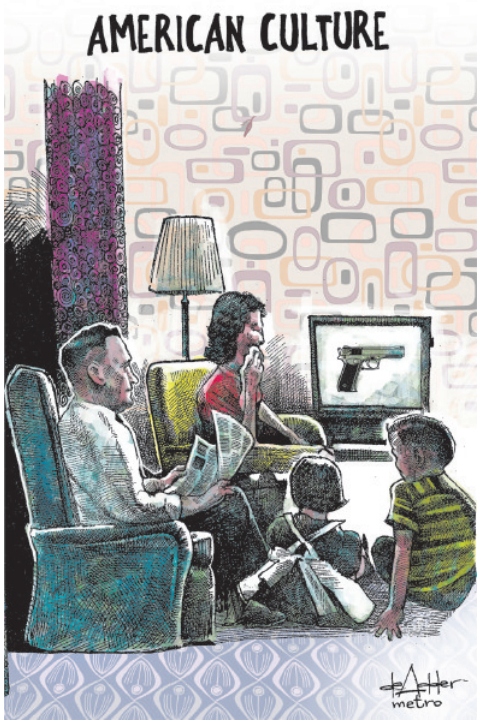
But silicon-stuffed airheads are people, too, and deserve to be protected from the depredations of rabbit zombies. I have half a mind to get out the pitchforks and the torches, storm the mansion and rescue Crystal from the clutches of Hef the Impaler. (That's if his Viagra prescription has been renewed).

Then I'll send her home to bed without her supper. Or Hef, for that matter.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER



Hate confused with anger

Letters & Tweets

Re: Michael de Adder Jan. 10 cartoon

CALGARY. The cartoon in Monday's Metro portraying Sarah Palin and the tea party movement in the U.S. as "hateful" is highly objectionable. Prior to any investigation of the tragedy in Tucson, Ariz., (cartoonist Michael) de Adder is attributing blame to the conservative movement of the U.S.

Palin has not demonstrated any hateful intent. De Adder is confusing hate with anger. The tea partiers demand from their elected officials respect for the rule of law with regards to illegal immigration and demand fiscal responsibility from state and U.S. federal officials. This is not hateful, it's responsible. **J.A. ZWAHLEN**

TORONTO. What's hateful about having certain principles such as wanting a smaller government, not believing illegal immigrants should jump the line and get a free pass, advocating for personal responsibility (in other words, nixing the nanny state), desiring lower taxes, etc., etc.?

Newsflash: I'll tell you what's hateful. When people who don't agree with other people's points of view resort to lies by using the "hate card," simply because they have no other sensible argument to make. **RACHAEL BLOOMFIELD**

Tucson tragedy

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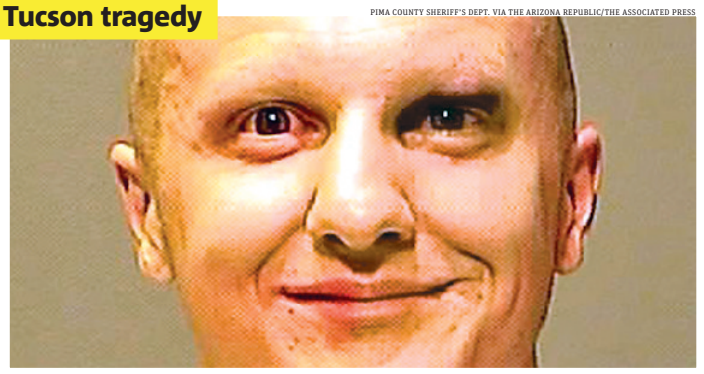

Which one of your habits do you wish you could break?

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Metro Minute at the Audain Gallery

The Audain Gallery, at SFU Woodward's, launches its new exhibition, The Long Take: Videos On Architecture And Social Space at 8 tonight. The collection, which includes both national and international artists like Mark Lewis, Terence Gower and Dorit Margreiter, looks at architecture and urban spaces. The exhibition opening will be preceded by a talk by Gower at 6:30 p.m. After exploring the exhibition, visitors might see cities and buildings from new viewpoints. The Audain Gallery is located at 149 West Hastings St. in SFU Woodward's. Admission is free and the exhibition runs until Feb. 26. Visit sfuwoodwards.ca for more info. **AYAKA KAWAI**

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▶ A film still from Terence Gower's video Ciudad Moderna.

BALANCE IS KEY TO MANAGING FINANCIAL PRIORITIES

With Canadians top financial priority being to pay down their debts, it can be challenging for them to comfortably make investments at the same time.

The key is to take a balanced approach, says Trish Domingo, an investment and retirement planner with RBC Financial Group.

"If you get to a point where you completely pay off your mortgage and you have no investments on the other side of the balance sheet, then how are you going to draw down on that asset - the house - later on, other than having to sell it or borrow down the road?" asks Domingo.

One way to achieve a balance is to invest in RRSPs because they reduce a person's taxable income. The money saved could then be used to further pay down one's mortgage.

Domingo says Canadians top three priorities are to pay down debt, save for retirement and save for their children's education.

"We always talk to our clients about having a plan in place," says Domingo. She cautions that without a plan, it is difficult to achieve one's goals.
Domingo recommends people sit down with their families to discuss their goals and then sit down with an RBC advisor to come up with a plan to achieve them.

In planning for one's retirement, people should take advantage of pension plans or group RRSPs offered by their employees. While some people might feel these will be enough for their retirement needs, that isn't necessarily true.

"It's going to depend on every individuals needs," says Domingo.

A pension might be sufficient for people with modest lifestyles, but for people who plan on travelling, taking courses or maintaining and living at multiple properties in retirement, they are likely going to need additional savings, she says.

Couples must also work together to balance their respective priorities and work on their plan, especially given circumstances change frequently.

"It's extremely important to make sure there is open conversation with the couple and they both understand what their goals are and what their contributions need to be in order to reach those goals," says Domingo.

BUDGETING

Budgeting plays a crucial role in allowing people to balance their financial priorities.

There are three steps to creating a budget:

1. *The first step is to look at one's spending and see where their money is going. It is important to also cut out unnecessary spending.*

2. *The second step is to look at how one's spending fits into their long-term financial plan.*

3. *The final step is to track one's ongoing spending to make sure they are meeting their objectives.*

2 scene

New album

Canadian pop star Avril Lavigne has released the lead single off her forthcoming album, Goodbye Lullaby. The first single, What the Hell, was made available digitally yesterday in the lead up to the release of her fourth album, due Mar. 8. In a blog post late last year, Lavigne expressed frustration with her label and the delayed release of the new album.

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An Everyman in Movie Land, Globes nominee Paul Giamatti thrives in depicting life's disorder

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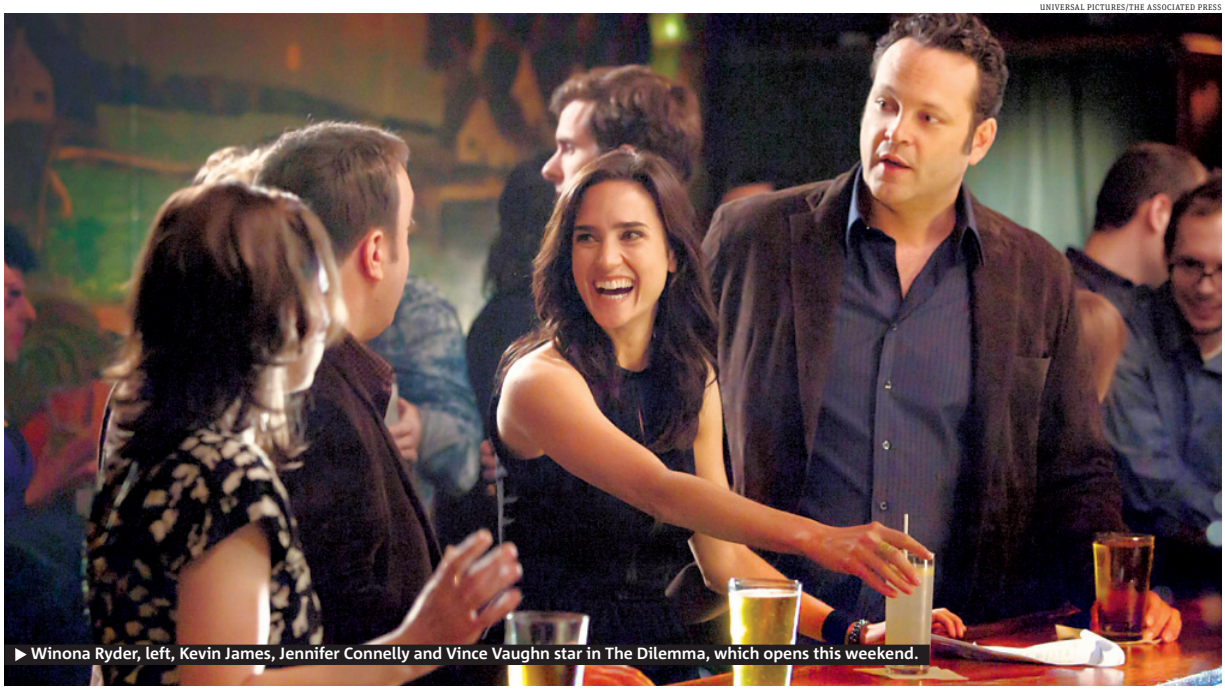

▶ Winona Ryder, left, Kevin James, Jennifer Connelly and Vince Vaughn star in The Dilemma, which opens this weekend.

HOLLYWOOD'S CAUTIONARY TALE

In Focus

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The Dilemma takes a funny look at infidelity when Vince Vaughn finds his friend's wife has been cheating

Sometimes it seems like Hollywood is obsessed with infidelity, both on screen and off. Celebrity cheating scandals — Jesse and the porn star, Tiger and, well, er… everyone — covered the front pages recently and Zsa Zsa Gabor once famously said, "How many husbands have I had? You mean apart from my own?"

Even supposedly happily-ever-after Tinseltown couples preemptively guard against unfaithfulness by signing "cheat-proof" prenups.

Catherine Zeta-Jones has a legal infidelity clause with Michael Douglas and it's rumoured that Denise Richards and Charlie Sheen signed one worth more than four million dollars.

In this weekend's The Dilemma, a funny take on infidelity, Vince Vaughn discovers his best friend's wife is having an affair.

There have been adultery comedies before, but usually on screen in American films there is a price to be paid for matrimonial betrayal.

Ever since the first cheating Hollywood movie, 1915's Infidelity, movies like The End of the Affair, Body Heat and Derailed have shown the consequences of bed hopping, but one movie stands head and shoulder above the rest as a cautionary tale.

Fatal Attraction begins with Michael Douglas, a married man, who has a fling with Glenn "I'm not gonna be ignored" Close.

When he tries to break off their affair, she becomes a lesson in why not to cheat on your wife.

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The film was a sensation in 1987 and its most famous clip, the rabbit boiling on the stove scene, even inspired a phrase in the Urban Dictionary.

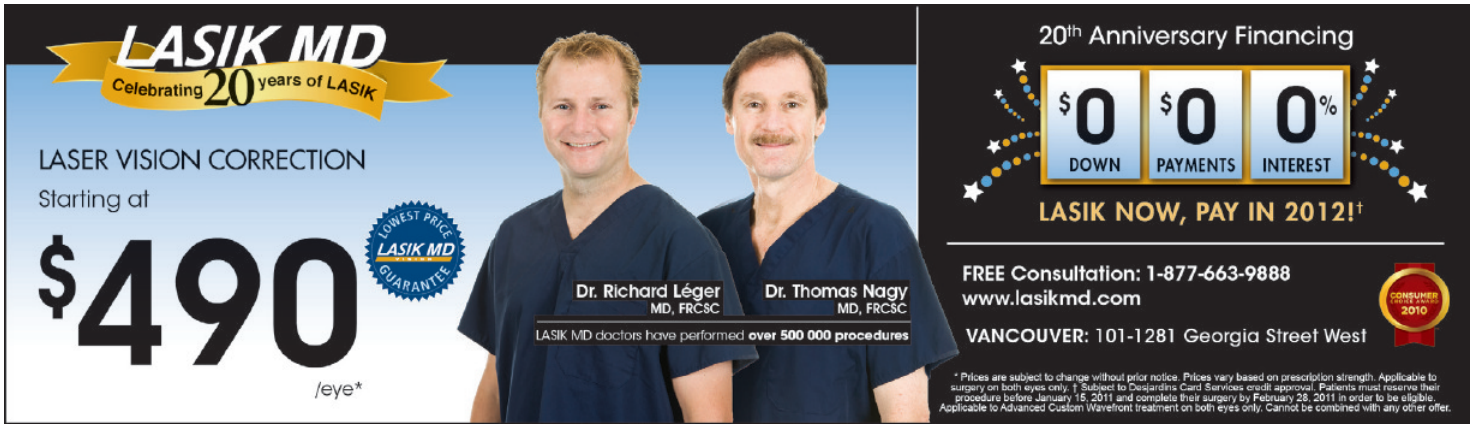
According to their website, cook your rabbit "refers to the moment when someone goes over the edge in their obsession with another person."

Fatal Attraction was a box office bonanza, inspiring a number of imitators including The Crush, Single White Female and a spoof called Fatal Instinct.

More poignant is Same Time Next Year, the story of a 26-year long affair. Alan Alda and Ellen Burstyn star as an extramarital couple who rendezvous once a year from youth to old age.

Based on a stage play by Canadian Bernard Slade, it's a nice mix of humour — when asked how many kids he has Alda lies, saying two rather than three, saying, "I thought it would make me seem less married," — and emotion.

Perhaps the strangest infidelity movie on our list is Come with Me My Love, a supernatural tale about a man who kills his cheating wife, then commits suicide, only to come back as a ghost 50 years later to haunt his old apartment.



Divorce takes its toll on Johansson

Actress recently split with Ryan Reynolds • New bachelor being linked to Sandra Bullock in media

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Scarlett Johansson

Scarlett Johansson was spotted at Jeremy Renner's 40th birthday party in Hollywood over the weekend "looking like a mess," according to Hollyscoop.

"Scarlett was drinking vodka with lime, and was smoking cigarettes," says the source, who noted the actress — who recently separated from Ryan Reynolds — hid a shorter hairdo under a baseball cap at the party.

"She looked like she was going through a divorce," the source says.

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Wilson about to become a dad

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Owen Wilson

Owen Wilson is getting ready to be a dad, with girlfriend Jade Buell set to give birth in Hawaii "any day now," according to Us Weekly.

Wilson is "very excited and involved with the pregnancy," a source says.

"[Owen] has been doing research and learning as much as he can.

"He's super into it and asks a lot of questions to make sure he knows what's going on every step of the way."

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Celebrity tweets

Jeremy Piven [@jeremypiven]

Women officially become crazy the year they won't tell you their age...

Sarah Silverman [@SarahKSilverman]

I don't know that I'd call it gumption but I at least have the inclination to take 3 baths a day.

Aziz Ansari [@azizansari]

Does anyone think all these dead birds and fish is a viral marketing campaign for the movie Country Strong?

Talking points

Douglas wins tough battle with cancer

Michael Douglas is happy to report that he's cancer-free. "The odds are with the tumor gone and what I know about this particular type of cancer that I've got it beat," he tells Matt Lauer during an interview for the Today show.

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Shakira's new relationship status: Single

Pop star Shakira is single again, having split up with her longtime boyfriend, Argentinean political advisor Antonio de la Rua, according to a statement on her website.

"During our almost 11 years together we have loved each other deeply, taken care of each other and stood by one another," the statement reads.

"They have been the most wonderful years of our lives, and thanks to that love and the respect that we share for one another we have been an exceptional couple and partners."

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Sheen back to partying with porn stars

It looks like Charlie Sheen is back to his partying ways during his current visit to Las Vegas, according to Radar Online.

Sheen reportedly headed to Vegas over the weekend for the Adult Entertainment Expo and decided to stay longer.

"Charlie went there specifically to see the porn stars he stays in touch with," the source says.

"Sheen didn't do a meet-and-greet, that's for sure, but he was with a lot of the porn stars in his room and he's out of control again."

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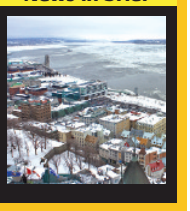
3 life

Got the winter blahs? If so, it's hard not to feel perked up when you are hanging out with Bonhomme, Quebec City's most popular resident, at the Quebec Winter Carnival
Try sleigh rides, zip-line over the Plains of Abraham and, of course, skating

▶ Bonhomme is the mascot of the annual Quebec Winter Carnival, which runs from Jan. 28 to Feb. 13.

News in brief



Organizers of the Quebec Winter Carnival will be inviting visitors to spend a night in the cold, sleeping in tents on the Plains of Abraham.

Tents that can accommodate up to four people will be provided along with sleeping bags in a "winter village" that will be set up for the 57th edition of the carnival, which runs from Jan. 28 to Feb. 13. The tents will be available on three nights: Jan. 29, Feb. 5 and 12.

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Egypt displeased with treatment of Cleopatra's Needle in New York City

Winter fun with Bonhomme

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In the midst of all these post-holiday grey days, who wouldn't need a little pick me up in the form of sub zero merry-making?

Old Quebec City is just the remedy for those winter blahs. The historic city offers one of the oldest, (and truly coldest) winter festivals around.

When I was a young lad, I was actually afraid of that giant smiling snowman with the red toque towering above us mere mortals.

Turns out, the Bonhomme Carnaval is just as friendly as Frosty the snowman, and that is why he remains the lovable mascot of the largest winter carnival in the world. Talk about Canadian history.

After checking into the beautiful and historic Chateau Frontenac hotel on the banks of the St. Laurence, I was amazed at all the snowy festivities taking place all over old Quebec. Elaborate evening parades, sleigh and dog sled rides, concerts, and snow sculpting to name just a few.

The very funny and icy canoe race on the St. Lawrence River is not to be missed. And if you're really adventurous you can zip-line right through the middle of the historic Plains of Abraham, which happens to be the nucleus of the carnival. It's also a fun tradition to actually skate alongside the Bonhomme himself, so better sharpen those blades. That chilly dude can hustle!

All this wintery fun has been part of the Quebec winter calendar since 1894, and began with the habitants of New France, who knew how to eat, drink, be merry, and get a little rowdy prior to lent.

Let's face it, this time of year there's no sense in fighting the cold … might as well celebrate it. What better place to do that than in cool old Quebec?

This year's Quebec Winter Carnival runs from Jan. 28 to Feb. 13.

Plenty of history, heights in Quebec City

If you need a break from the Carnival, here are some other cool things to do in Quebec City.

Shop in Petit Champlain: Check out North America's oldest shopping district, located at the foot of Dufferin Terrace in the Vieux Port. Watch actors re-enact Quebec's 400-year history, or chow down at any one of a dozen bistros.

Visit Canyon St. Anne: Marvel at the highest pedestrian bridge in Quebec, and walk over three separate suspension bridges, past a giant waterfall. For the more adventurous, try first class bungee jumping, zip-lining and mountain biking. DARREN PARKMAN

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Getting scared in Ottawa

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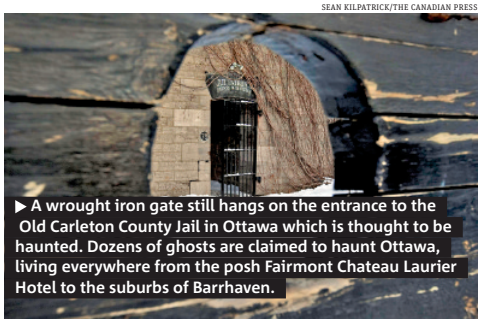

▶ A wrought iron gate still hangs on the entrance to the Old Carleton County Jail in Ottawa which is thought to be haunted. Dozens of ghosts are claimed to haunt Ottawa, living everywhere from the posh Fairmont Chateau Laurier Hotel to the suburbs of Barrhaven.

Getting into the spirit of Canada's capital usually means a day at the Parliament Buildings, a walk through the farmer's market or a visit to the many museums or galleries.

But those with a spectral frame of mind might want to skip the usual attractions and just go for the spirits themselves.

Dozens of ghosts are claimed to haunt Ottawa, living everywhere from the posh Fairmont Chateau Laurier Hotel to the suburbs of Barrhaven.

Some are historical figures, such as the spectre rattling around the castle-like Chateau Laurier, said to be that of Charles Melville Hays. He was general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway of Canada, which commissioned the hotel.

He travelled to Europe to choose furniture for the hotel dining room, made what turned out to be a poor choice for his return trip and sailed back on the Titanic. It sank and Hays died, never to see his grand hotel open to the public.

Ever since, guests and staff have reported seeing a man resembling Hays wandering the hotel or they have observed objects shake and move at random.

It's not the only place where visitors can lay their heads alongside Ottawa's haunted history. A hostel in the heart of downtown occupies a former prison.

The Carleton County Gaol's most famous inmate was Patrick Whelan, convicted of the assassination of Thomas D'Arcy McGee, one of the Fathers of Confederation.

Whelan was executed for his crime in the last public hanging in Canada and his is one of the spirits said to roam the cellblocks now used as hostel rooms.

Not all of Ottawa's ghosts are as famous.

Part of Ottawa's city hall is a former teachers college, built in 1875, where for years people have reported seeing the figure of a woman in the halls, moving back and forth between two rooms, opening and closing the doors.

A yearbook yielded a clue for researchers trying to uncover the ghost's identity. One of the head teachers, Eliza Bolton, was behind a change in school policy that required one teacher to supervise two classrooms.

That meant they had to move back and forth between two rooms. Apparently Bolton is paying for her administrative zeal by forever moving back and forth between classrooms.

Her photo in the yearbook matched the description of the ghost, as did her behaviour.

"Those are the moments that are a lot of fun in this job," said Glen Shackleton, Ottawa's resident ghost researcher. "When you get an a-ha moment and the hairs on the back of my neck stand up. It is a spooky business for sure."

Shackleton has parlayed his love of historical research into a company than runs haunted tours of Ottawa.

He digs up biographies of the banshees by combing through historical records and old newspapers — especially those published around Halloween, when newspapers are more likely to print stories of alleged hauntings.

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By my second or third visit, the owner would warm up, refill my coffee mug for free, or tell me about the latest local festival or "best kept secret." Other solo travellers seem to use this tactic as well, which makes meeting new people a snap.

At a French bakery in Cambodia, I met a Dutch filmmaker who was looking for someone to share the cost of transport to Angkor Wat.

We spent the day exploring the ancient temples and as a thank you, he gave me a copy of the day's footage.

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Carnival season is on in Big Easy

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New Orleans has said so long to the holidays and used the Twelfth Night observance to kick off the Carnival season — which will be extra long this year.

Mayor Mitch Landrieu, accompanied by New Orleans clarinetist Pete Fountain, on Thursday served up slices of king cake, the traditional Carnival pastry, at historic Gallier Hall where the mayor greets parading royalty on Mardi Gras Day.

Between Thursday and when Carnival celebrations wrap up March 8, about 100 parades will roll through area streets or float down waterways.

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Preparation:

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Vancouver chef aims for kitchen gold

Ryan Stone will compete in an international competition in France
He shares his recipe for baked salmon with brioche bread pudding

Preparation:

1. In a bowl, mix honey and grapeseed oil and thoroughly brush the top and sides of salmon. Place salmon on a baking sheet.
2. In a bowl, mix yolks, cream, tarragon and shallot. Add brioche and gently mix, being sure all of the brioche is covered with the mixture. Pack brioche mixture evenly on top of salmon.
3. Bake in a 160 C (325 F) oven for 10 to 12 minutes or until salmon flakes easily with a fork. Baking time will depend on the size of the salmon.

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Ingredients:

- 4 salmon portions (about 175 g/6 oz each)
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) honey
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) grapeseed oil
- 2 egg yolks
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) cream
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) tarragon
- 1 shallot, finely chopped
- 500 ml (2 cups) diced brioche
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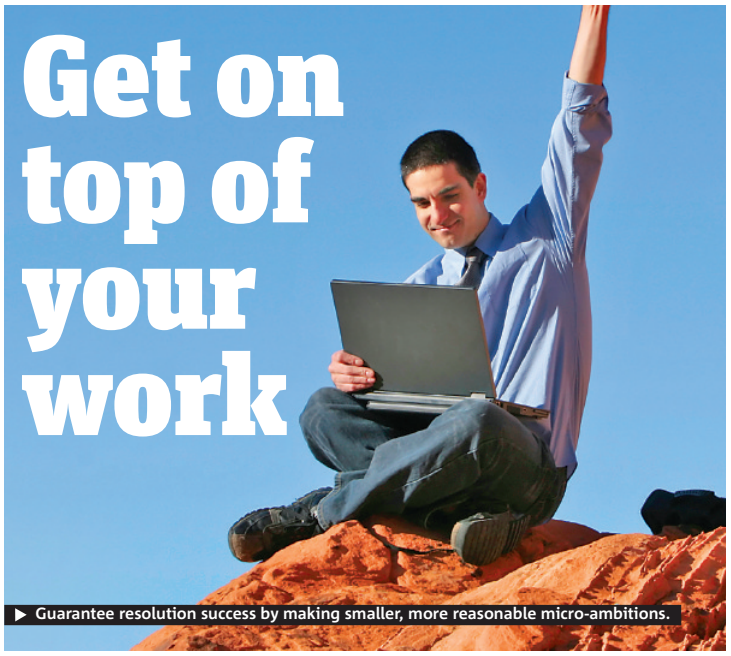

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Take advantage of this month's slower pace

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The new year is young – but if you dive right into it, you may miss the best moment to rethink your daily drudgery and set a new year's resolution in place, one more meaningful than a weight-loss program.

The first month of the year finds work loads light as workers crawl back to their stations at a post-holiday pace, which is why career counsellors say it's best to set ambitious and intrinsically rewarding goals now – before the holiday vibe curdles like that last carton of eggnog.

"People should have ongoing goals they assess a minimum of once a year, but those goals shouldn't be just what you are going to achieve for the company, but where you want to be," says Jane Cranston, a career coach in New York.

When those old routines speed up, and the smart phones resume buzzing at a frequent pace, it can become easy to lose track of why you go through it all in the first place.

"You have to regularly ask yourself, 'How will future generations think about your contribution the world?'" Fearless Career Change author Marky Stein notes. "It's a big, final, existential question, but it's important for people to ponder."

If that seems a broad and daunting question, set meaningful micro-goals, Cranston recommends.

"Be fair to yourself," she stresses. "Goals should be smart – specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timely. Break them into manageable pieces and tell another person about your goal."

"Better yet, work together to achieve them," she continues.

However expansive or small your 2011 ambitions, there's no better time to act on them than in this lull at the beginning of the year, Stein says.

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Depression cuts co-worker communication

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Most Canadians that experience depression in their lifetime will be affected in their working years.

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This avoidance with co-workers is not surprising given the survey also explored perceptions about depression and found that two-fifths of diagnosed Canadians believe depression is not perceived by the public as a medical condition (43 per cent) while less than five per cent of Canadians actually have that view.

"The general population's view about depression shows that we are clearly making progress in the understanding and management of the illness. However, we need to ensure that this knowledge and empathy toward those diagnosed with depression is translated into action," said Paula Allen, vice president of organizational solutions for Shepell.fgi.

NEWSCANADA

See you in CPR class

The American Heart Association wants all U.S. secondary students to be trained in CPR ◆ Should Canada follow suit?

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▶ Students perform chest compressions on baby mannequins during a CPR training class at Shaker Heights High School in Shaker Heights, Ohio.

Learning CPR at school has given 14-year-old Olivia Frierson more confidence when she babysits or helps out at a church nursery.

"I'm not as worried if something would happen," said Olivia, a ninth-grader at Shaker Heights High School in suburban Cleveland.

The American Heart Association thinks there should be more students like Olivia. It wants states to require high school students to learn how to give CPR and use an automated external defibrillator before they graduate.

That would "create a generation that could be trained, ready and willing to act," said Mary Fran Hazinski, a professor at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing in Nashville, Tenn.

She's one of the authors of an advisory released Monday that the heart group developed with the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Emergency Physicians. It calls for state legislatures to require students to get CPR and AED training before graduating from high school.

At least 36 states either require or encourage cardiopulmonary resuscitation training in schools, according to the heart group. However, that ranges from suggesting that students recognize the steps of CPR to requiring certification.

Sudden cardiac arrest – when the heart suddenly stops beating – is a leading cause of death in the U.S. The heart association says an estimated 300,000 cardiac arrests occur outside the hospital each year.

Survival, which varies greatly from region to region, is estimated to be only about eight per cent on average.

"Bystander CPR can double or triple survival," said Hazinski.

By teaching students CPR and how to use a defibrillator, "They'd be available to respond at home, in public places like malls and health clubs," she said.

At Shaker Heights High School, students learn those skills during a four-week program that's part of a physical education class, said Stuart Gilbert, head of the school's health and PE department.

While the CPR program isn't required for graduation, the majority of the ninth-graders take the PE class, he said. The students are at a "perfect age" for the classes, he said, because they're babysitting and getting other jobs that require such skills, like being a lifeguard," he said.

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One individual's experience, related below, confirms two of my favourite rules in law: people get what they pay for, and clients hire lawyers to get better results than they could get for themselves.

An individual I met with last year decided that she would attempt to argue her case on her own. Naturally, this was against my advice since, as I explained, her case was not simple and her former employer did not appear willing to settle. Further, most judges strongly discourage self-represented litigants from conducting their own trials, another point I clearly made known.

As her claim fell within the jurisdiction of the small claims court, she relied on a free brochure, provided by the government, which explains that lawyers are not mandatory for small claims court. Since the majority of small claims matters relate to simple claims, a lawyer's involvement is often unnecessary. However, in workplace law cases, where questions of fact and law are disputed, seldom can an unrepresented individual adequately conduct a trial, a fact overlooked by the government's brochure.

She also was dissuaded from retaining a lawyer for fear of the costs. In her view, if she could obtain close to the same result that I could, then why pay for my time if she could save her money by fighting the case on her own. However, this only made sense if she won her case — a point she completely ignored when rejecting my offer to take on her matter.

Recently, I received a frantic call from her on the verge of her trial hoping that I would now take her case. Her employer was not prepared to settle, as I had predicted, and a pre-trial judge had ordered her to retain a lawyer, since he felt that she was incapable of arguing her own case. What's worse is that she was ordered to pay her employer's legal costs for the preliminary hearing, a result usually limited to frivolous claims.

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"No matter who pays the tuition, the university or college issues a T2202A to the student that indicates the tax credits they can claim," says Cleo Hamel, senior tax analyst with H&R Block Canada (hrblock.ca).

"Students must use their credits first and then they can choose to transfer up to $5,000 to a parent, grandparent or spouse."

If students cannot use all their tuition and education credits, they can carry forward the amount for future years. This can result in a sizable tax refund once they begin their careers.

"The decision to transfer credits is entirely up to the student," explains Hamel. "If parents do not have a signed T2202A, they cannot make the claim."

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Isles give Canucks all they can handle

'I'll tell you, they work really hard,' Kesler says of scrappy New Yorkers

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CANUCKS	ISLANDERS

The Vancouver Canucks left Long Island with two more points and an appreciation for the Islanders.

Mason Raymond and Ryan Kesler scored in a shootout, and the Canucks won 4-3 last night.

The Canucks were happy to get the two points, but they weren't so happy about their play.

"We had a tough time the whole game," Daniel Sedin said. "They had a lot of energy."

Alex Burrows, Kesler and Kevin Bieksa scored for the Canucks in regulation. Roberto Luongo made 38 saves, helping Vancouver improve to 14-0-3 in its last 17 games.

"It was a tougher game than it looked to be," Luongo said.

The Canucks (28-8-6) lead the NHL with 62 points.

Jack Hillen, John Tavares and Blake Comeau had goals for the Islanders. Kevin Poulin turned aside 48 shots.

Raymond scored in the shootout on a spin-o-rama move that he said he'd worked on in practice.

New York tied it at 3:14 of the final period when Tavares somehow beat Luongo from a hard angle during a power play.

The Islanders took a 3-2 lead with 5:36 left when Comeau put a slapshot from the left point past Luongo.

The lead lasted 24 seconds before Bieksa tied the game when his shot deflected in off an Islander.

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▶ Canucks defenceman Kevin Bieksa, left, and left-wing Raffi Torres celebrate Bieksa's goal that tied the score at 3-3 late in the third period.

Quoted

"I think everybody's really curious to see how it goes. The players that I've spoken to, whether they'll be in it or sitting in a tiki hut down in the Caribbean, they're all sort of interested to watch the players play general manager."

NHL EXECUTIVE BRENDAN SHANAHAN ON THE NEW FORMAT FOR THE ALL-STAR GAME, IN WHICH TWO CAPTAINS SELECT THE SQUADS. THE LEAGUE NAMED THE PLAYERS WHO WILL TAKE PART IN THE GAME YESTERDAY.

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Opinion

RORY BOYLEN
THE HOCKEY NEWS

KESLER'S STEADY RISE TO THE TOP OF THE CLASS

It's hard to believe that, after five full NHL seasons, Ryan Kesler started the 2010-11 campaign without a hat trick in his career. Then on Dec. 15 against Columbus, Kesler hit the trifecta on four shots.

Less than a month later, he did it again against the Edmonton Oilers. Making the second trick more impressive is the fact Kesler played only 15:29 — his lowest total of the season — as others were awareded ice time in the blowout.

That Kesler did it against struggling teams is irrelevant. Renowned for his defensive play, Kesler has now arrived as a scorer as well. While getting a lot of power-play time with the Sedins helps in that department, the Canucks' efficiency with the man advantage has surged by more than four points over last season and is now the best in the league, thanks in large part to Kesler's emergence.

Last season, Kesler saw his point production leap from 59 to 75, which made everyone in the hockey world's head turn. A lot of that had to do with the 50 helpers he chipped in to Mason Raymond's breakout season and Mikael Samuelsson's career year — Kesler had more points than both, but not more goals.

Now he's sitting second on the team behind Daniel Sedin with 23 markers heading into last night's game with the Islanders. It'll be an uphill battle to overtake the twins for the team points lead, but Kesler may yet end up as the team's big scorer.

Standing at six foot two and 202 pounds, Kesler is one of a few power centres to come out of the 2003 draft. Boston's Nathan Horton, Philadelphia's Jeff Carter and Anaheim's Ryan Getzlaf were all selected before Kesler, while the Flyers' Mike Richards went one pick after. Three of those four are considered mainstays on Canadian international teams for years to come.

But while Carter, Richards and Getzlaf get the ink, Kesler — picked 23rd — may eclipse them as the best to come from that draft. There is little doubt he has already passed Horton and, looking at the numbers, he is closer to the other three than you may think.

Carter peaked with 46 goals and 84 points in 2008-09, but dipped the following year and hasn't recovered that pace this season. Getzlaf posted 91 points in 2008-09, but his career-high 25 goals aren't otherworldy and his production has also dropped. Richards' 30 goals and 80 points in 2008-09 were his best before he fell off by 18 points a year later.

When you consider Kesler's pace to hit 80 points and approach 50 goals from the second line this year, plus his defensive acumen, you can make a strong case for No. 17. Carter, Getzlaf and Richards all hit high marks and immediately regressed from them, but Kesler, himself an Olympian for the Americans, hasn't seen a drop in production from one full season to the next yet.

With Carter's natural talent for goals sure to come back to him, Getzlaf's dominating physicality sure to continue aiding him in the points department throughout his career, and Richards' responsibility at both ends sure to keep him as a key figure in Philadelphia, this is a debate in its infant stages.

But Kesler is putting himself in the mix and there's no reason to believe he's going anywhere soon.

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	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Philadelphia	42	27	10	2	3	142	109	59	13-6-0-2	14-4-2-1	7-3-0-0	W4
d-Tampa Bay	43	25	13	3	2	128	137	55	12-3-1-1	13-10-2-1	6-3-1-0	L1
d-Boston	42	23	12	2	5	123	93	53	10-7-1-2	13-5-1-3	6-1-1-2	W2
Pittsburgh	44	26	14	2	2	138	105	56	14-9-1-0	12-5-1-2	4-4-0-2	L3
Washington	43	24	12	4	3	126	113	55	15-4-2-3	9-9-1-0	6-1-2-1	L1
NY Rangers	44	25	16	2	1	127	109	53	10-9-1-1	15-7-1-0	5-3-1-1	L1
Montreal	43	24	16	3	0	106	100	51	14-5-3-0	10-11-0-0	5-4-1-0	W3
Atlanta	45	22	16	3	4	140	140	51	11-8-1-2	11-8-2-2	3-5-2-0	L2
Carolina	42	21	15	2	4	127	128	48	10-7-1-1	11-8-1-3	7-1-2-0	W4
Buffalo	42	18	19	5	0	115	124	41	9-11-1-0	9-8-4-0	5-4-1-0	L1
Florida	41	19	20	1	1	113	109	40	9-8-1-1	10-12-0-0	4-4-1-1	W1
Toronto	42	18	20	2	2	112	125	40	9-10-2-1	9-10-0-1	6-4-0-0	W4
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d-Dallas	44	26	13	1	4	127	120	57	13-6-1-3	13-7-0-1	5-3-0-2	W2
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Phoenix	43	21	13	6	3	121	123	51	8-5-3-2	13-8-3-1	6-2-1-1	W2
Colorado	43	22	15	6	0	144	138	50	12-8-3-0	10-7-3-0	3-5-2-0	W1
Anaheim	45	23	18	2	2	117	123	50	15-7-0-1	8-11-2-1	6-4-0-0	W2
Chicago	44	23	18	2	1	136	121	49	14-10-0-0	9-8-2-1	6-4-0-0	W2
Los Angeles	42	23	18	1	0	126	108	47	14-7-1-0	9-11-0-0	4-6-0-0	L1
Minnesota	43	21	17	1	4	108	123	47	10-10-0-2	11-7-1-2	5-3-1-1	L2
San Jose	44	21	18	4	1	121	122	47	10-8-2-1	11-10-2-0	3-7-0-0	L5
St. Louis	41	20	15	2	4	110	116	46	14-7-0-2	6-8-2-2	5-4-0-1	L4
Columbus	43	20	20	2	1	110	134	43	11-10-0-1	9-10-2-0	3-7-0-0	L5
Calgary	43	18	20	1	4	117	129	41	11-8-0-1	7-12-1-3	4-4-0-2	L4
Edmonton	41	13	21	1	6	103	141	33	7-11-1-2	6-10-1-3	1-7-0-2	L2

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Boston 6 Ottawa 0
Carolina 6 Calgary 5 (SO)
Dallas 3 Edmonton 2
Montreal 2 N.Y. Rangers 1
Vancouver 4 N.Y. Islanders 3 (SO)
Florida 4 Washington 3 (OT)
Nashville 5 Minnesota 1
Philadelphia 5 Buffalo 2
Phoenix 4 Columbus 3
Toronto 4 San Jose 2

Monday's results
Toronto 3 Los Angeles 2
Boston 4 Pittsburgh 2
Colorado 5 Detroit 4
Phoenix 4 St. Louis 3
Toight's games
Pittsburgh at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

HURRICANES 6, FLAMES 5 (SO)

First Period
1. Calgary, Bouwmeester 4 (Iginla, O.Jokinen) 4:13
2. Carolina, Ruutu 11 (LaRose, Skinner) 11:46
3. Calgary, Iginla 18 (Tanguay, O.Jokinen) 13:06
4. Carolina, J.Jokinen 7 (Bra.Sutter) 16:29
Penalties — Pardy Cal (tripping) 7:30, Sarich Cal (hooking) 8:40.
Second Period
5. Carolina, Cole 12 (J.Jokinen, Samsonov) 2:16
6. Carolina, E.Staal 21 (White, Ward) 5:37
7. Carolina, J.Jokinen 8 (Gleason, Dwyer) 14:50
8. Calgary, Hagman 9, 16:48
Penalties — Morrison Cal (slashing) 0:08, Kotalik Cal (slashing) 3:32, Harrison Car (hooking) 7:32.
Third Period
9. Calgary, Glencross 10 (Hagman, Regehr) 1:31
10. Calgary, Bourque 14 (Morrison, Jackman) 7:39
Penalties — Sarich Cal, LaRose Car (roughing) 4:52, Skinner Car (boarding) 8:37.
Overtime
No Scoring.
Penalty — Bourque Cal (slashing) 2:38.
Shootout
Carolina wins 1-0
Calgary (0) — Tanguay, miss; Kotalik, miss; Hagman, miss.
Carolina (1) — J.Jokinen, miss; Skinner, goal; Ruutu, miss.
Shots on goal by

Calgary	12	8	12	0	32
Carolina	6	11	9	4	30

Goal (shots-saves) — Calgary: Kiprusoff (8-4), Karlsson (L,2-3-3)(5:37 second)(22-21); Carolina: Ward (W,18-11-5).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Calgary: 0-2; Carolina: 0-5.
Referees — Greg Kimmerly, Tim Peel. **Linesmen** — Tim Nowak, Andy McElman.
Attendance — 10,096 (18,680).

CANUCKS 4, ISLANDERS 3 (SO)

First Period
1. Vancouver, Burrows 9 (D.Sedin, H.Sedin) 4:58
Penalties — Colliton NYI (holding) 12:05, Colliton NYI (hooking) 17:52.
Second Period
2. N.Y. Islanders, Hillen 1 (Comeau, Jurcina) 15:13
3. Vancouver, Kesler 24 (Samuelsson, Torres) 19:44
Penalties — Glass Vcr, Martin NYI (fighting) 10:57, Tambellini Vcr (hooking) 13:12.
Third Period
4. N.Y. Islanders, Tavares 15 (Schremp, MacDonald) 3:14 (pp)
5. N.Y. Islanders, Comeau 11 (Reese, Schremp) 14:24
6. Vancouver, Bieksa 6, 14:58
Penalty — Bieksa Vcr (high-sticking) 2:57.
Overtime
No Scoring.
Penalties — None.
Shootout
Vancouver wins 2-1
Vancouver (2) — Raymond, goal; Tambellini, miss; Kesler, goal.
N.Y. Islanders (1) — Schremp, goal; Parenteau, miss; Tavares, miss.
Shots on goal by

Vancouver	20	10	18	3	51
N.Y. Islanders	9	16	15	1	41

Goal — Vancouver: Luongo (W,20-8-4); N.Y. Islanders: Poulin (L,1-0-1).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Vancouver: 0-2; N.Y. Islanders: 1-2.
Referees — Stephane Auger, Marc Joannette. **Linesmen** — Steve Barton, Greg Devorski.
Att. — 8,913 (16,234) at Uniondale, N.Y.

BRUINS 6, SENATORS 0

First Period
1. Boston, Bergeron 11, 3:33
2. Boston, Wheeler 10 (Seguin, Krejci) 9:47
Penalty — Seguin Bos (high-sticking) 17:40.
Second Period
3. Boston, Bergeron 12, 2:50
4. Boston, Marchand 8 (Seidenberg) 14:07
5. Boston, Seguin 7 (Krejci, Chara) 15:26
Penalties — McQuaid Bos (interference) 0:46, Winchester Ott, Horton Bos (fighting) 3:23, Ference Bos (roughing) 3:46, Carkner Ott, Thornton Bos (fighting) 10:26.
Third Period
6. Boston, Bergeron 13 (Marchand) 5:04
Penalties — Ruutu Ott (roughing) 6:58, Carkner Ott (roughing, fighting), Paille Bos (fighting) 14:50, Fisher Ott (delay of game) 16:52.
Shots on goal by

Ottawa	9	13	9	31
Boston	10	17	12	39

Goal (shots-saves) — Ottawa: Elliott (L,12-14-5)(27-22), Brodeur (start third)(12-11); Boston: Thomas (W,19-4-6).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Ottawa: 0-3; Boston: 0-3.
Referees — Chris Rooney, Brad Watson. **Linesmen** — Derek Nansen, Anthony Sericolo.
Att. — 17,565 (17,565) at Boston.

CANADIENS 2, RANGERS 1

First Period
1. N.Y. Rangers, Dubinsky 17 (Gilroy, Lundqvist) 4:15
Penalties — Eller Mtl (holding) 10:38, Subban Mtl (roughing) 16:04, Staal NYR (interference) 16:12.
Second Period
2. Montreal, Spacek 2 (Plekanec, Weber) 18:49
Penalties — Girardi NYR (holding) 3:43, Pacioretty Mtl (cross-checking), Staal NYR (roughing) 19:20.
Third Period
3. Montreal, Pouliot 9 (Wisniewski) 6:03
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by

Montreal	14	11	13	38
N.Y. Rangers	9	11	6	26

Goal — Montreal: Auld (W,3-2-0); N.Y. Rangers: Lundqvist (L,18-13-3).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Montreal: 0-2; N.Y. Rangers: 0-2.
Referees — Chris Lee, Justin St. Pierre. **Linesmen** — Scott Driscoll, David Brisebois.
Att. — 18,200 (18,200) at New York.

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE
LOS ANGELES — Agreed to terms with INF Alberto Callaspo on a one-year contract.
TORONTO — Assigned LHP Wilfredo Ledezma outright to Las Vegas (PCL).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
COLORADO — Agreed to terms with OF Carlos Gonzalez on a seven-year contract.

NHL
CAROLINA — Reassigned F Jon Matsumoto to Charlotte (AHL).
DETROIT — Assigned LW Tomas Tatar to Grand Rapids (AHL).
N.Y. ISLANDERS — Recalled F Rhett Rakhshani from Bridgeport (AHL).
N.Y. RANGERS — Assigned D Sam Klassen from Greenville (ECHL) to Connecticut (AHL).
OTTAWA — Recalled G Mike Brodeur and F Jim O'Brien from Binghamton (AHL) on an emergency basis.
ST. LOUIS — Recalled F Philip McRae and F Ryan Reaves from Peoria (AHL). Assigned F T.J. Hensick to Peoria.

TENNIS

SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL
At Sydney
Yesterday's results
MEN
Singles
Second Round
Richard Gasquet (5), France, def. Matthew Ebden, Australia, 6-4, 6-3.
Guillermo Garcia-Lopez (7), Spain, def. Chris Guccione, Australia, 7-6 (5), 7-5.
Juan Ignacio Chela, Argentina, def. Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, 4-6, 6-0, 6-3.
Potito Starace, Italy, def. Julien Benneteau, France, 6-7 (6), 6-3, 6-4.
Andreas Seppi, Italy, def. Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, 6-1, 6-0.
Gilles Simon, France, leads Yen-hsun Lu, Taiwan, 6-0, 3-2 (susp., darkness).
Alexandr Dolgopolov, Ukraine, vs. Bernard Tomic, Australia, 6-7 (3), 6-1 (susp., darkness).
WOMEN
Singles
First Round
Dominika Cibulkova, Slovakia, def. Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, 6-3, 6-3.
Flavia Pennetta, Italy, def. Vera Zvonareva (2), Russia, 7-5, 7-5.
Kim Clijsters (3), Belgium, def. Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-4.
Svetlana Kuznetsova, Russia, def. Sam Stosur (4), Australia, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Victoria Azarenka (7), Belarus def. Shahar Peer, Israel, 7-5, 6-3.
Li Na (8), China, def. Virginie Razzano, France, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4.
Alisa Kleybanova, Russia, def. Maria Jose Martinez, Spain, 6-2, 6-4.
Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia, def. Aravane Rezai, France, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (4).

HOBART INTERNATIONAL
At Hobart, Australia
Yesterday's results
Singles
Second Round
Roberta Vinci (4), Italy, leads Elena Baltacha, Britain, 6-3 (susp., rain).
Jarmila Groth (6), Australia, def.Tamira Paszek, Austria, 6-4, 7-6 (5).
Olga Govortsova, Belarus, leads Peng Shuai, China, 2-1 (susp., rain).

HEINEKEN OPEN
At Auckland, New Zealand
Yesterday's results
Singles
First Round
Adrian Mannarino, France, def. Juan Monaco (5), Argentina, 6-4, 6-3.
David Nalbandian (6), Argentina, def. Fabio Fognini, Italy, 7-6 (3), 6-4.
Thomaz Belluci (7), Brazil, def. Michael Russell, U.S., 6-4, 6-7 (4), 7-5.
Victor Hanescu, Romania, def. Kevin Anderson, South Africa, 7-6 (7), 6-7 (3), 6-4.
Marcel Granollers, Spain, def. Bobby Reynolds, U.S., 6-4, 6-3.
Philipp Petzschner, Germany, def. Thiemo de Bakker, Netherlands, 6-1, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (3).
Tobias Kamke, Germany, def. Pere Riba, Spain, 6-3, 6-4.
Arnaud Clement, France, def. Xavier Malisse, Belgium, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.
Robin Haase, Netherlands, def. Pablo Cuevas, Uruguay, 3-6, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (3).

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Miami	30	9	.769	—
d-Boston	28	9	.757	1
d-Chicago	25	12	.676	4
Orlando	25	12	.676	4
Atlanta	25	14	.641	5
New York	22	15	.595	7
Indiana	15	20	.429	13
Charlotte	14	21	.400	14
Milwaukee	14	21	.400	14
Philadelphia	15	23	.395	14½
Toronto	13	24	.351	16
Detroit	12	25	.324	17
Washington	10	26	.278	18½
New Jersey	10	27	.270	19
Cleveland	8	30	.211	21½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	32	6	.842	—
Dallas	26	10	.722	5
d-L.A. Lakers	28	11	.718	4½
d-Oklahoma City	25	13	.658	7
d-Utah	25	13	.658	7
New Orleans	22	16	.579	10
Denver	21	16	.568	10½
Portland	20	19	.513	12½
Houston	17	21	.447	15
Memphis	17	21	.447	15
Phoenix	15	21	.417	16
Golden State	15	22	.405	16½
L.A. Clippers	12	24	.333	19
Minnesota	9	30	.231	23½
Sacramento	8	27	.229	22½

d — division leader
Last night's results
Indiana 111 Philadelphia 103
Washington 136 Sacramento 133 (OT)
San Antonio 107 Minnesota 96
Denver 132 Phoenix 98
New York 100 Portland 86
L.A. Lakers 112 Cleveland 57
Milwaukee at Atlanta (ppd.)
Monday's results
Charlotte 96 Memphis 82
Houston 108 Boston 102
Chicago 95 Detroit 82
Wednesday's Games
Chicago at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Orlando at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
New York at Utah, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Miami at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

GOLF

PGA

FEDEXCUP STANDINGS
(all figures in U.S. dollars)

Rank Name	Points	Money
1. Jonathan Byrd	500	$1,120,000
2. Robert Garrigus	300	$635,000
3. Graeme McDowell	190	$412,000
4. Carl Pettersson	123	$286,500
4. Steve Stricker	123	$286,500
6. Matt Kuchar	95	$201,500
6. Ian Poulter	95	$201,500
8. Bill Haas	85	$182,000

WORLD RANKING
Through Jan. 9

1. Lee Westwood	Eng	8.97
2. Tiger Woods	USA	7.50
3. Martin Kaymer	Ger	7.03
4. Phil Mickelson	USA	6.39
5. Graeme McDowell	NIr	6.30
6. Steve Stricker	USA	6.01
7. Jim Furyk	USA	6.00
8. Paul Casey	Eng	5.65
9. Luke Donald	Eng	5.48
10. Ian Poulter	Eng	5.48

SOCCER

ENGLAND

FA CUP
Third Round
Wycombe 0 Hereford 1

LEAGUE CUP
Semifinal
First Leg
West Ham 2 Birmingham 1

SCOTLAND

SCOTTISH CUP
Fourth Round
Hearts 0 St. Johnstone 1
Falkirk 2 Partick Thistle 2
Queen of South 1 Brechin 2

NFL

WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS
Sunday's results
AFC
Baltimore 30 Kansas City 7
NFC
Green Bay 21 Philadelphia 16

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS
Saturday's games
All times Eastern
AFC
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 4:30 p.m.
NFC
Green Bay at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 16
NFC
Seattle at Chicago, 1 p.m.
AFC
N.Y. Jets at New England, 4:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NCAA

BOWL GAMES
All Times Eastern

BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
At Glendale, Ariz.
Monday's result
Auburn 22 Oregon 19

FIGHT HUNGER BOWL
At San Francisco
Sunday's result
Nevada 20 Boston College 13

LACROSSE

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Toronto	1	1	0	1.000	13	7	—
Rochester	1	1	0	1.000	11	10	—
Boston	1	1	0	1.000	10	6	—
Buffalo	1	0	1	.000	9	10	1
Philadelphia	1	0	1	.000	6	10	1

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Calgary	2	2	0	1.000	23	20	—
Washington	2	1	1	.500	22	23	1
Colorado	1	0	1	.000	10	11	1½
Minnesota	1	0	1	.000	10	11	1½
Edmonton	1	0	1	.000	7	13	1½

WEEK ONE
Sunday's result
Calgary 13 Washington 11
WEEK TWO
Friday's game
Minnesota at Washington, 11 p.m.
Saturday's game
Edmonton at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Rochester, 7:35 p.m.
Colorado at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

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Honda Fit
Base price: $15,900
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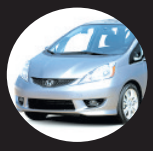

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It's called the Cinquecento in Italy, but the Fiat 500 spells cheeky fuel-saving funster in any language.

Of all the many new arrivals from the revitalized Chrysler organization, the one car on everyone's mind is the Italian designed, built-in-Mexico Fiat.

The original 500 dates back to 1957 and was Fiat's way to get Italians off their Vespa motor scooters and into a more practical four-wheeled conveyance.

At the time, French, German and other European automakers were busy ramping up production of their own tiny cars, a pattern that the British would also follow with the advent of the Mini in 1959.

The Mini's successful 2003 relaunch under BMW's direction set the stage for a similar return for a brand new Fiat 500 that arrived in Europe for 2007 following a three decade absence.

It's now set to debut here as a 2012 model.

Any comparisons between the 500 to the Mini are inescapable, although the Fiat is a full 15 centimetres shorter and 5.6 centimetres narrower than its competitor and provides 16.5 centimetres less distance between the front and rear wheels. The 500 hatchback's diminutive size is slightly offset by a relatively tall roofline, but it still remains the smallest four-seater on the market.

Chrysler-Fiat refers to the 500 as having "city-friendly proportions," which translates into room for two adults in front plus a couple of very small children or pets occupying the folding rear seat. That should be of only passing concern for the hordes of 500 fans who will likely flock to the 58 newly branded Fiat dealerships in Canada for an early viewing and test-drive of this iconic small car.

Given the 500's relatively miniscule engine, its footprint is not likely to be that big, but Fiat is obviously banking on big success for its little gas sipper. If initial interest and upwardly creeping fuel prices continue, the 500 could wind up batting 1000.

2012 Fiat 500

What you should know about the 2012 Fiat 500:

- **Type:** Two-door, front-wheel-drive sub-compact hatchback.
- **Engine (hp):** 1.4-litre four-cylinder (101).
- **Transmission:** Five-speed manual; six-speed automatic (opt.).
- **Market Position:** While most other automakers have micro cars or new "city" cars, Chrysler only has the Dodge Caliber wagon. The new Fiat 500 temporarily fills this need while providing a gateway for other Fiat products down the road.
- **Stats:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 8.0/6.4(MT, est.).
- **Base price:** $17,400 (Including destination).

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DETROIT AUTO SHOW DELIVERS FRESH PRODUCE

If you're looking for fresh, tasty and crispy vehicular selections, an international auto show can't be beat. The Detroit auto show has always been particularly bountiful in that regard, and this year's installment just under way is no exception. Here are five Detroit debuts we think will flourish.

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The Curb concept signals that Hyundai also wants to join the burgeoning "very expressive crossover based on a compact car" niche, which is currently comprised of such entries as Nissan Juke and Kia Soul.

It is also a test bed for Hyundai's connectivity technologies; witness the large acrylic touch-screen panel with multiple zones, which allows information to be passed among the vehicle's occupants, and BlueLink, which functions much like GM's OnStar system.

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Audi A6 Hybrid

Audi showed off its new A6 at Detroit, and announced that a hybrid version will join the lineup. Expect the non-hybrid to utilize the current 300-hp supercharged 3.0-litre V6. The hybrid will use a tag-team powertrain: the 211-hp turbocharged 2.0-litre I4 and a 45-hp electric motor with 39 kW lithium-ion battery pack, promising V6 power with four-cylinder fuel economy. In EV mode, the A6 can hit 100 km/h and cover three kilometres at a speed of 60 km/h.

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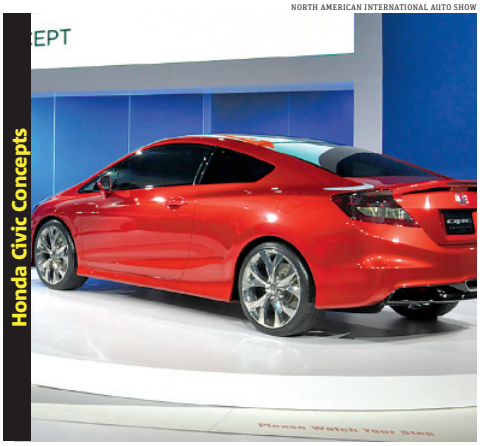

Honda brought Civic concepts to Detroit, giving the world its first glimpse into the styling direction of the waiting-in-the-wings, ninth-generation Civic.

Styling is an evolution of its current "one-motion mono-form" shape, and the mission statement continues to be "Civic for all people," meaning there will be a Civic for all tastes, including a sedan and coupe with conventional gasoline engines, two sporty "Si" performance versions, a hybrid, and a natural gas version as well (though don't expect the latter in Canada).

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The Vertrek is a concept vehicle to reveal Ford's vision for the Escape replacement. It is based on Ford's global "C" platform, which underpins the new Focus sedan and the coming C-Max microvan. The current Escape is built on a larger platform that can take a V6. The C platform is wall-to-wall four-cylinder power; the Vertrek features the 1.6-litre EcoBoost.

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This Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG E-CELL is a car with a lot of capital letters, but that's okay with us, because it looks real COOL and goes real FAST and doesn't burn any PETROLEUM. This gull-wind sports car is packing a 480 kW lithium-ion battery pack, feeding four compact electric motors. Said motors spin to 12,000 rpm and generate the equivalent of 526 horses.

Trucks dominate 2010 Canadian pop charts

2010 was a wacky year for Canadian car sales.

Some economic disaster, some recovery. Companies on life support, and then rebounding nicely. The Toyota recall thing. Gas prices shooting up and staying there. Big buzz about small cars and electrics.

But all this did nothing to shake up the top-10 sales list. The 2010 list looks just like last year, with full-size pickups dominating the proceedings. Three of the top five sellers were full-size pickups — Ford F-150, the GM twins (Chevy Silverado and GMC Sierra), and Dodge Ram.

Why do Canadians buy so many full-size pickups?

Analysts point to recovery in the small business sector, which buys a lot of trucks, and incentives — they were going very cheap almost all year.

Small cars didn't take off, said the same analysts, because small-car buyers are the ones most affected when the economy goes sour. And people seem to be ignoring gas prices anyways, and buying vehicles they want, and not necessarily the gas misers.

In terms of overall sales, we're almost back to pre-Lehman Brother standards. Over 1.5 million were sold in 2010, a six percent or so tick over last year.

With Toyota's miss-steps and GM's downsizing, Ford cashed in and became Canada's top selling brand, and Chrysler took third place back from Toyota. The Korean and European brands also had great years.

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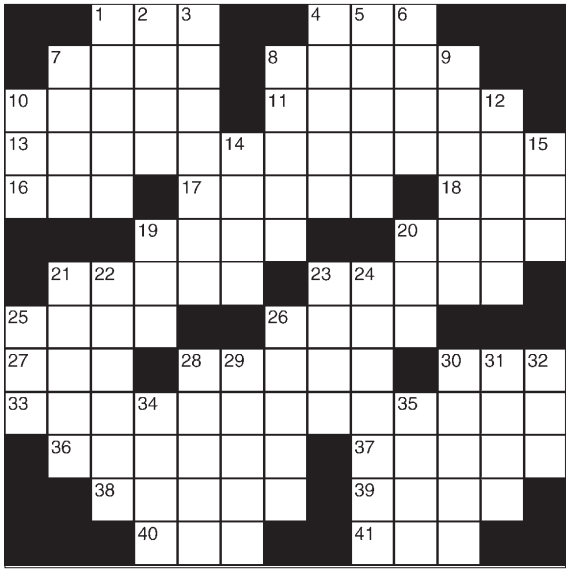

Across

1 Cornfield cry
4 Exec's deg.
7 Sea eagle
8 First Lady before Michelle
10 Sports venue
11 Science of light
13 Body of water in Utah
16 Cleopatra's slayer
17 Detests
18 U.S. spy org.
19 — support
20 Filth
21 Sly smile
23 Halloween option
25 — and carrots
26 Subject, often
27 Early bird?
28 Shows signs of aging
30 Hot tub
33 Something insignificant
36 Midday rest
37 Quaff
38 Art support
39 On the rocks
40 Part of UCLA
41 Curvy character

Down

1 Hardly Mr. Right
2 Faris or Paquin
3 Newscast portion
4 Syrup choice
5 Ashtray fill
6 Seed cover
7 Makes a mistake
8 Averse
9 Gum arabic
10 Khan title
12 Blouse companion
14 Santa's load
15 Consume
19 "— the season ..."
20 Lair
21 Bell-shaped flowers
22 The youngest Simpson
23 14-Down's contents
24 "The Satanic Verses" author
25 Corral
26 Of birth
28 Painting surface
29 Hotel room posting
30 Heavens above
31 Be in abeyance
32 Request
34 Authentic
35 Curved paths

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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		4	1	3	5			
	8		2					
		7				4	8	9
6	4	3				1		
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			5	7	1	6		
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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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3	5	8	1	9	6	7	4	2
9	8	3	4	6	7	1	2	5
7	1	4	2	3	5	9	6	8
5	2	6	9	1	8	4	3	7
1	4	9	7	2	3	5	8	6
8	3	5	6	4	9	2	7	1
6	7	2	5	8	1	3	9	4

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Poohbear,
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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You're a rebel by nature, and with Mars linked to disruptive Uranus today, you will be inclined to rock the boat even more than usual. Don't rock it so hard though that you risk falling out yourself.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 A Mars-Uranus aspect will endow you with all the energy you need to get things done. Before the day is over you will have accomplished something remarkable.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 A deal you made a long time ago will pay off today and you will be mightily pleased that you had the foresight to invest in something that others said was a dud. Was it just luck?

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Even if you are the kind of Cancer who likes to keep a low profile, today you will leave someone in no doubt of what you think about what he or she is up to.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 One way or the other you will make your presence felt today, especially on the work front where those who cannot keep up with your relentless pace will soon be left far behind.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Today's cosmic activity will give you the confidence to step into the spotlight and let employers and other important people know what you are capable of. Don't worry about being over-ambitious.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Today, act only if it is absolutely necessary. For best results you should let others make the first move. It will work in your favour.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You won't hesitate to call it as you see it today and, inevitably, some people will be shocked at how blunt you can be. But if that's what it takes to grab their attention, so be it.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 If someone suggests that the best way to show your love for him or her is to spend even more of your cash, it may be time to rethink your relationship. You may not care about money, but what about self-respect?

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Mars in your sign links to Uranus, planet of changes, so you'll go out of your way to do something a little bit different. Others may be surprised that you are suddenly so daring, but they better get used to it.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Is someone lying to you? Your Aquarius warning system is certainly on the alert and you would be wise not to ignore it. It may be no big deal, but can you afford to take the chance?

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Reach out to someone you have not been in touch with for a while. Pick up the phone and call him or her. Chances are he or she has been thinking of you. SALLY BROMPTON

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